

RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2014

Selectmen's Hearing Room, Town Hall, Marshfield

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Steve Robbins

Steve Robbins handed out information on the Massachusetts 2014 Trails Conference and inquired if anyone was interested in attending the conference in November. Several members were interested.

ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS : IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Bilas, Chris Calos, Linda Cincotti, Vicki McPherson, Steve Robbins (Selectman), Jay Wennemer (Conservation Commission representative), Tom Whalen (CPC representative), Roger Whidden

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The committee voted unanimously for the following: Chair: Michael Bilas, Vice Chair: Chris Calos, Recording Clerk: Linda Cincotti

MISSION STATEMENT: After a discussion led by Steve Robbins, the committee decided to table this topic at this time. It was decided that each member of the committee should take some time to think about what should be included in the mission statement and bring these ideas to the next meeting.

GOALS OF THE COMMITTEE: The committee received valuable information from Jay Wennemer and Tom Whalen about past and current land and open space purchases and natural resources in Marshfield. There was much discussion, about past and current obstacles that would have to be addressed and rectified throughout this process. Information was also given about possible sources of funding for future recreational trail projects. The committee also discussed the importance of public outreach and education about the purpose and goals of this committee. It was ultimately decided by the committee that two of the most immediate goals were to identify and record all of the available trails and resources the town currently has. To this end, several committee members volunteered to help out with mapping current trails in the town, while other committee members volunteered to gather information from surrounding south shore towns as to how they have, or will in the future, address the issue of establishing recreational trails in their towns.

ADJOURNMENT: Steve Robbins moved to adjourn at 8:25pm. It was seconded and was unanimously voted to adjourn.

HANDOUTS: Trail maps- little River Walk area, Philips Farm Preserve area, Furnace Brook trails area

Massachusetts 2014 DCR Trails Conference Information, Conservation Land Management needs and resources

Respectfully Submitted: Linda Cincotti, Clerk